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C O N F I D E N T I A L REYKJAVIK 0752

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SUBJECT: CUTTING OF UNDER SEA CABLE BY ICELANDIC TRAWLER

REF: REYKJAVIK 751

1. THE COMMUNIST THJODVILJINN CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE (IDF), WHICH GAINED NEW LIFE AS RESULT OF CABLE MALFUNCTION, REFTEL, IS BEGINNING TO HIT RAW NERVES IN THE FOREIGN MINISTER. BEING QUITE FAMILIAR WITH HIS PROCLIVITY OF SAYING WHATEVER HE THINKS WILL PROTECT HIS POLITICAL FLANKS, I HAVE HAD DELIVERED TODAY THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE FONMIN AND A COPY TO THE PRIMEMIN, THE LATTER UNDER COVER OF A PERSONAL FYI NOTE. THE STATEMENT, WHICH IS FOR HIS USE ONLY IF HE CAN NO  
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LONGER KEEP SILENT ABOUT THE INCIDENT, AND WHICH HAS APPROPRIATE

MILITARY CLEARANCE, IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO ONE I SUGGESTED ORALLY TO FONMIN A FEW DAYS AGO WHEN COMICEDEFOR AND I MET WITH HIM ON SUBJECT.

2. QUOTE OF LETTER TO FONMIN:

BEGIN QUOTE: ENCLOSED IS THE STATEMENT I SUGGESTED WITH REGARD TO THE CABLE INCIDENT. TO GO INTO SPECIFIC DETAILS OR TO CONFIRM OR DENY ACCUSATIONS, TRUE OR FALSE, WOULD BE DIVULGING MILITARY INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE SECURITY AND DEFENSE OF ICELAND, AS WELL AS THE NATO ALLIANCE. IF ASKED ABOUT THE SHIP, I SEE NO PROBLEM IN STATING THAT THERE WAS A U.S. NAVY SHIP IN THE AREA A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

YOU ARE, OF COURSE, PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE AND ITS EQUIPMENT. IF I CAN BE OF ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO YOU IN THE MATTER, I HOPE YOU WILL CONTACT ME. END QUOTE.

3. QUOTE OF STATEMENT ENCLOSED WITH LETTER FOR USE BY FONMIN:

BEGIN QUOTE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY REQUEST, THE COMMANDER ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE HAS SUBMITTED A REPORT CONCERNING THE CUTTING OF A CABLE OFF STOKNESS. THE CABLE IS INTEGRAL TO DEFENSE FORCE OPERATIONS AND BECAUSE DEFENSE-SECURITY MATTERS ARE INVOLVED I CANNOT GO INTO THE DETAILS OF THE REPORT. I AM SATISFIED THAT THE EXISTENCE OF THE CABLE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEFENSE PURPOSES OF THE BASE AND OF THE SECURITY OF ICELAND. END QUOTE.

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